

**Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council
Health and Education Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 11, 2013
12:00 – 2:00pm
635 N. 26th Street**

Arlene Happach, BMCW
Linda Davis, Chair
Andrew Turner, DCF
Dr. Veronica Gunn, CHW
Alison McMorro, IFS
Gabe McGaughey, CHW
Jeanne Fenceroy, Greater Milwaukee Foundation
Dr. Michelle Urban, BMCW
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Recorder:

Becky Prudhomme, BMCW

Race to the Top/Early Learning Challenge – Andrew Turner, DCF

- Andrew Turner, Race to the Top Grant Manager, presented information on the Race to the Top program.
- The grant/project is a four year project in the amount of \$34 million dollars which will be spread throughout a number of State agencies.
- There are ten unique projects across a whole variety of groups. Items being worked on include:
 - Alignment, for instance, alignment of State and tribal involvement. Incentivization of private sector investment around early childhood will be emphasized. The challenges and/or obstacles that may be met were discussed.
 - 4K, or four year old kindergarten. There are different standards and policies in Youngstar and 4K, time will be spent on aligning these systems.
 - Increasing participation among high needs children, getting them higher quality childcare. There are many different ways to reach specific demographics and do it effectively.
 - Support for providers. One of the most common barriers for moving up is higher educational requirements.
 - Validating Youngstar. We know it works, but we need to validate how this is identified.

- Expanded training for providers, to include improving training, manuals, and protocols.
- Improving family engagement.
- Professional development.
- Early childhood longitudinal statement.
- Any questions or feedback should be directed to Andrew Turner at AndrewJ.Turner@wisconsin.gov or 608-261-7629.
- The BMCW has been working toward this goal.

Care4Kids (foster care medical home) – Dr. Veronica Gunn, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

- Dr. Veronica Gunn from Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin (CHW) presented information on the Care4Kids Initiative, the foster care medical home project.
- There are approximately 40 staff at CHW and at least as many in the State that are working on this project.
- The groups are starting to have collaborative meetings with various counties.
- The intent is to provide comprehensive healthcare services for children, coordinated through a primary care medical home, and in collaboration with child welfare. Participation is voluntary. Enrollment and implementation will begin January of 2014.
- Initial health screens will be provided within two business days of placement at a Child Advocacy Center/Child Protection Center.
- Centers of Excellence for Care4Kids will be set up to assist in 30-day comprehensive evaluations.
- The BMCW has the ability to enroll children in the Medical Home unless the parents opt out or are unavailable per blanket court order.
- Providers must participate in the Children’s Community Health Plan (CCHP) network in order to be involved in the Medical Home.
- This is technically not a Medicaid Waiver, but is a state plan amendment; it is not time-limited or contingent on other arrangements.
- The Health Care Coordinator (HCC) role will facilitate coordination of care delivery and information sharing among healthcare providers.
- There are outcomes and measures that have been identified. There will need to be further discussion around this piece.
- This project has been communicated to Milwaukee’s Foster Parent Association, but not all foster parents in Milwaukee County or other counties are aware. The plan is to start more intensive and detailed outreach to foster parents in November.
- This item will be added to the next Health and Education Meeting agenda.

* September 27 is the next Full Partnership Council Meeting.